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SHORT-TERM NURSING CARE PROGRAMS

House Bill 4785

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Committee: Health Policy

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4785 AS INTRODUCED 5-14-97

The Public Health Code establishes criteria that a hospital must meet in order to be granted a Certificate of Need for a short-term nursing care program with up to 10 licensed hospital beds. Among the criteria is the requirement that the program's patient days not exceed 1,825 days for a single state fiscal year, though a variation may be granted by the Department of Community Health if a hospital can demonstrate a need for skilled nursing home beds within a 100-mile radius. House Bill 4785 would specify that if part of the 100-mile radius were located in another state or country, the hospital would be required to only demonstrate a need within the portion of the radius located in Michigan. Similarly, the code requires a short-term nursing care program to transfer a patient to a nursing home, county medical care facility, or hospital long-term care unit within a 50-mile radius within five business days after notification that a bed has become available. If the available bed were located in another state or country, the bill would allow a hospital to wait to transfer a patient until a bed located within the 50-mile radius became available in this state.

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